can provide irrigation facilities to 23,439 hectares and the submerged forest area is only 421 hectares. So, looking to the irrigation facilities which will be provided in the backward area, may I request the Government to tell us whether they are going to reconsider their decision in this regard and clear this project?

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: Sir, this is all the more reason why the Environmental Appraisal Committee has not thought it proper to approve of this project. This is a project in an area where the population of tribals is more than 90 per cent; it is 96 per cent. This tribal population mostly depends on the forests there. The reason which has been given by the Environmental Appraisal Committee, in its meeting on 8-4-83 on the basis of which the clearance was not given and which was communicated to the State Government, is that the area of submergence will be 437.24 hectares of very good forest. Sir, Gujarat does not have a good forest area. Bus this is an "A" Class forest area which is being submerged and Gujarat is not having the forest cover which it should have for maintaining the ecology of that area. The other point on account of which the Committee has not recommended clearance is that the provision for compensatory afforestation is very very negligible. They have only provided in the project Rs. 2.03 lakhs including the nursery for afforestation along the roadside and in some other areas. The other point is that about 1,700 people in five villages...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I do not think that Mr. Patel is interested in the reasons. He wants to know whether the Government is going to reconsider the decision. Are you reconsidering it?

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: It is all the more reason why...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Are you reconsidering it?

SHRI Z. R. ANSARI: We are not going to reconsider.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No second supplementary arises out of this. Now, the next Question. Question No. 143 has been postponed. Question No. 144.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: I want to know the reasons also. He was giving some reasons.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has given you all the reasons.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PAEL: Sir, he has said that the area of submergence is only 437 hectares.

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is an argument only. You write a letter to the Minister about this and the Minister will reply. Now, Question No. 144.

*143. [*Transferred to the 10th December, 1985.*]

*144. [*The questioners (Shri Krishna Kumar Birla and Shri Ram Chandra Bhardwaj were absent. For answer* vide *cols.....* infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question. Question No. 145.

Bungling in MES., Dehra Dun

*145. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:†

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Indian Express of 9th September, 1985 regarding large scale bungling in the MES, Dehradun in the matter of finalising tenders for various items;

(b) whether Government have made any enquiry in the matter; and

(c) if so, what is the result thereof and what action Government have taken against the persons found involved in the racket?

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†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Virendra Verma.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir, A preliminary investigation by a board of officers, has revealed certain irregularities in the award of contracts. On this basis, a staff Court of Inquiry has been ordered. Further action against the officers concerned would be taken after the findings of the staff Court of Inquiry become available.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : महोदय, क्या माननीय मंत्री जी बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि यह शिकायत उनको कब मिली और कब उन्होंने उसके ऊपर आदेश किया इंक्वायरी का ? और इन्क्वायरी में क्या प्रोग्रेस है ? और नं० 2 क्या यह भी सही है और उनकी जानकारी में है कि इस प्रकार की शिकायतें आई हैं कि कोई ठेका आठ लाख रुपये का मार्च में छोड़ा गया था और दो महीने के अंदर उसको कम्पलीट करने के आदेश थे और यह भी आदेश था कि दो महीने के बाद टाईम नहीं बढाया जाएगा लेकिन पांच महीने तक भी टाइम बढाया गया और तब भी वह पूरा नहीं हुआ। क्या इस प्रकार की भी उनके पास शिकायतें आई ?

श्री अरुण सिंह : आन दी फर्स्ट क्वेचन, सर, यह 9 सितम्बर के इंडियन एक्सप्रेस में इस विषय पर एक आर्टिकल छपा था। वह हमारी मिनिस्ट्री के नोटिस में आया था। 9 सितम्बर को प्रिलिमिनरी इंक्वायरी आर्डर हुई थी, एंड सितम्बर में उसका नतीजा निकला था। नवम्बर में सेंट्रल कमान्ड के जरिये स्टाफ कोर्ट आफ इंक्वायरी आर्डर हुआ।

पार्ट 2, सर, इसमें दो विषय हैं— एक कांट्रेक्ट फर्निचर के बारे में जो आठ लाख का कांट्रेक्ट है और एक है फैंस की की परचेज के बारे में। दोनों के बारे में स्टाफ कोर्ट आफ इंक्वायरी चल रही है।

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : मान्यवर, डी० जी० एस० एण्ड डी०, डाइरेक्टरेट जनरल सप्लाई एण्ड डिसपोजल्स डिपार्टमेंट है शायद डी० जी० एस० एण्ड डी०, उसके रेट्स मुकर्रर है और उनके रेट्स एक पंखे के 380 रुपये हैं, जबकि किसी ने कांट्रेक्ट 480 रुपये का दिया। दो लाख रुपये में कुल हो जाना चाहिये था, लेकिन सोलह लाख रुपये के टेंडर दिये गये थे।

क्या यह उनके इल्म में है कि इस प्रकार क्या किसी आदमी को इस बीच में सस्पेंड किया गया है ड्यूरिंग दिस इन्क्वायरी?

श्री अरुण सिंह : आनरेबल मैम्बर, ने जिस विषय पर बात उठाई है, यह फैंस कांट्रेक्ट के बारे में है। प्रिलिमिनरी इन्क्वायरी में यह बात सामने आई थी और इस विषय को स्टाफ कोर्ट आफ इंक्वायरी देख रही है।

क्वेशचन आफ सस्पेंशन यहां उठता नहीं है। यह इंक्वायरी अण्डर आर्मी रूल चल रही है आर्मी आफिसर कमांडेंट्स और वर्क्स इंजीनियर है और उसके मुताबिक स्टाफ कोर्ट आफ इंक्वायरी बाई सेंट्रल कमान्ड की जा रही है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next question.

*146. [*The questioner (Shri M. Basavaraju) was absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 32—34 infra.]

*147. [*The questioners (Shri Shyam Sunder Mohapatra and Shri V. Gopalsamy) were absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 33—35 infra.]

*148. [*The questioner (Shri Gaya Chand Bhuyan) was absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 35 infra.]

*149. [*The questioner (Shri Dhuleshwar Meena) was absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 35-36 infra.]

*150. [*The questioners (Shri Kailash Pati Mishra and Shri Shankar Sinh Vaghela) were absent. For answer,* vide *cols.* 36-37 infra.]

*151. [*The questioner (Shri Bhuvnesh Chaturvedi) was absent.* For *answer,* vide *cols.* 37-38 infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Ministers are having a very easy time. *(Interruptions)*